

NCEA Level 2 Korean Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

Updated NCEA Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Vocabulary Lists for Asian and European languages were published on the NCEA Education website in December 2024.

Below is the revised Level 2 Korean Vocabulary List that should be used with students in 2025 (and thereafter).

The Vocabulary List supports teaching and learning and helps teachers understand the language appropriate at Curriculum Level 7. Language drawn from this Vocabulary List is used to create external assessments and may be used to support teachers when preparing students for internal assessments.

The vocabulary lists belong to the Ministry of Education. The list in this document has been **formatted by NZALT** to make it easier for teachers to print and photocopy for students. NZALT has provided two versions:

1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students.
2. A Word document for teachers who would like to do further formatting.

This version of the vocabulary list is arranged **alphabetically (Korean to English)**.

Other configurations of this list (eg. English to Korean; by category) can be found online [here](#).

Alternatively, you can navigate to the revised vocabulary lists by following this pathway:
 ncea.education.govt.nz > New Zealand Curriculum > Learning Languages: Korean > Teaching

Teachers are advised to read the Introduction to the vocabulary lists (online, as above), as these contain useful context for teaching and learning, and for internal and external assessments (including the notes below).

Notes to teachers
In addition to the listed vocabulary, students are also expected to be able to recognise:
● items from relevant L1 Korean Vocabulary List
● where a noun, adverb, or adjective can easily be constructed from the verb or vice versa
● obvious loan words (레시피, 에어컨, 히터 etc)
● Korean words that are in common usage in English (이모티콘, 김치, 드라마 etc)
● particles
● conjugation of adjectives and verbs.

Korean	English
지나가다	to go through
통과하다	to pass
가격	price
가득	full
가렵다	to be itchy
가슴	chest
간장	soy sauce
간호사	nurse
감상하다	to enjoy, to appreciate
건물	building
검색	to search (online)
견학	field trip
결과	outcome, result
결석하다	to be absent (from school)
결혼	marriage
결혼식	wedding ceremony
경기	match
계단	staircase
계속	continuously
고추장	Korean chilli paste
고춧가루	Korean chilli flakes
고치다	to fix
관광	tour
관심	interest
교과서	textbook
교육	education
굽다	to roast, to grill, to bake, to barbeque
국립	national
규칙	regulation
그러나	however
급식	school lunch
기대하다	to look forward to
기쁘다	to be glad, happy, delighted
기사	article
기숙사	boarding house
기술	Technology (school subject)
기자	journalist
기침하다	to cough

끄다	to switch off, to turn off
끓이다	to boil
낫다	to heal, to get well
내려가다	to go down, to drop
내다	to pay, to put out
냄새	scent, smell
냄새가 나다	to smell (scent from something)
넣다	to put something in, to insert
노력	effort
놀랍다	to be surprising, amazing
늙다	to be old, age
다치다	to get injured
다행이다	to be fortunate
당근	carrot
당황하다	to be embarrassed, to be flustered, to be taken aback
대	to, versus
대답하다	to answer
대부분	most, mostly
대체로	generally
댓글	reply
던지다	to throw
데리고 가다	to take (someone)
데리고 오다	to bring (someone)
도움	help, assistance
도와주다	to help
된장	soybean paste
독서	reading
드라마	drama (television drama)
드리다	to give (honorific)
등	back
따르다	to follow, to act on, to obey
떨어지다	to fall
똑같다	to be same, identical
뜨겁다	to be hot, burning (to the touch, in temperature)
레시피	recipe
마늘	garlic
많다	to be a lot, many

말씀	word (honorific)
맛을 보다	to taste, have a taste
맞다	to be correct, right
매점	canteen
모양	shape
몸	body
무대	stage
무승부	draw (in a match)
문제	problem
물건	thing, stuff, object
물론	of course
물리	Physics (school subject)
바로	straight, upright
반	half
반드시	surely, certainly
반려동물	pet
밝다	to be bright, to be light
뱀	snake
벽돌	brick
보내다	to send
복습	revision
볶다	to stir fry
부끄럽다	to be embarrassed
부러지다	to be broken
부모님	parent
부상	injury
부상을 당하다	to be injured, get injured
부탁하다	to request, ask
붓다	to swell up, to puff up
비기다	to draw
비슷하다	to be similar
빌리다	to borrow
빌려주다	to lend
빨리	quickly
사립	private
사무실	office
사복	mufti
사촌	cousin
삼촌	uncle

생각하다	to think
생강	ginger
생물	Biology (school subject)
섞다	to mix
선택하다	to choose, to select
성인	adult
성적	grade, mark, record
성적표	report (school)
세면도구	toiletries
수학여행	school trip
숙소	accommodation
슬프다	to be sad
시험에 떨어지다	to fail an examination
시험에 통과하다	to pass an examination
시험을 보다	to sit an examination
식사	meal
식용유	cooking oil
신기하다	to be surprised, to be mysterious
신나다	to be excited
쌀	uncooked rice
썰다	to cut, to chop, to slice
아기	baby
안과	eye doctor
안전하다	to be safe
앞으로	from now on, in the future
양식	western-style food or meal
양파	onion
어둡다	to be dark, dim
어른스럽다	to be mature
엄격하다	to be strict
없어지다	to disappear
에어컨	air-conditioning
여권	passport
예를 들다	to give an example
열이 나다	to have a fever
열쇠	key
예약	reservation
올라가다	to go up, to rise
외국	foreign country

요금	fee
용	dragon
우산	umbrella
운동회	sports day
원숭이	monkey
웃다	to laugh, to smile
유치원	kindergarten
유학생	overseas student
응원하다	to support, to cheer
의견	opinion
이기다	to win
이모	aunt
이웃	neighbour
인기있다	to be popular
인사하다	to greet
입구	entrance
입학 시험	entrance examination
입학식	welcoming ceremony at school
입학하다	to enrol (in school)
자유 시간	free time
작문	essay
잔	glass
잔돈, 거스름돈	change (money)
잔디를 깎다	to mow the lawn
잔디밭	lawn
잠그다	to lock
장례식	funeral
젖다	to get wet
적다	to be few, little
전기	electricity, light
전자레인지	microwave oven
전통적	traditional
전하다	to tell, to convey, to report
젊다	to be young
정리하다	to tidy up
정보	information
정하다	to decide on
조정	rowing
졸업하다	to graduate

졸업식	graduation ceremony
주문하다	to order
주변	surrounding, around
주중	weekdays
주인	owner
죽다	to die
준비하다	to prepare
쥐	mouse
즐기다	to enjoy, to have fun
지각하다	to be late (to school or work)
지갑	wallet
지다	to lose
지붕	roof
지키다	to guard, to protect, to preserve, to follow
진찰하다	to examine, check up (at the doctor)
질문하다	to ask a question
짐	luggage
집안일	housework
차갑다	to be cold (to the touch, in temperature)
참기름	sesame oil
찾다	to look for
챙기다	to pack, to take
처방전	prescription
처음	beginning, start
처음으로	for the first time
천천히	slowly
최근	recently, nowadays
축제	festival
출구	exit
충전기	charger
치과	dentist
코피	nosebleed
콧물이 나다	to have a runny nose
틀리다	to be incorrect, to make a mistake
특별하다	to be special
파	spring onion
평일	weekday
포함하다	to include
피우다	to smoke

하루 종일	all day long
학기	school term
한국식	Korean-style
한식	Korean-style food or meal
할인	discount
화나다	to get angry, get mad
화학	Chemistry (school subject)
환승	transfer
허리	waist
호랑이	tiger
효율적이다	to be efficient
훌륭하다	to be excellent, great, superb, magnificent
휴식하다	to rest, take a break
히터	heater